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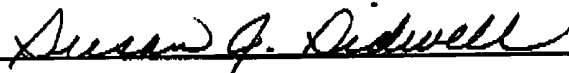
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Title: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR PREPARING,
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 11, 2003, please amend the captioned application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2.**Amendments to the Claims** begin at page 5.**Remarks** begin at page 15.